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**PATENT APPLICATION**

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**Examiner: NGUYEN, CHAU T**

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**Group Art Unit: 2663**

**Title: Reducing Overhead When Using Loopback Cells for Fault Detection in Bi-Directional Virtual Circuits**

**Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450**

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